

**RULES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE**

**CHAPTER 1720-4-4
STUDENT HOUSING REGULATIONS**

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1720-4-4-.01 HOUSING/FOOD SERVICES - GENERAL.

- (1) Freshman Students: All single freshmen students, who do not commute from the home of their parent or legal guardian, are required to live in University Residence Halls.

Authority: T.C.A. §49-9-209(e). **Administrative History:** New rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. (For history prior to August 12, 1986 see pages (iii)-(i).) Amendment filed March 22, 1990; effective June 26, 1990. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995. Amendment filed January 13, 1999; effective May 31, 1999. Repeal and new rule filed October 30, 2007; effective February 28, 2008.

1720-4-4-.02 DIFFERENTIATED HOUSING.

- (1) The University maintains a differentiated housing concept begun Fall Quarter, 1971. Differentiated housing permits the student to select the type of facility in which he or she will live, within the University's capability to offer such living arrangements. Students are encouraged to give considerable thought and attention to their housing selection.

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1720-4-4-.03 OPEN HOUSE AND VISITATION PROCEDURES.

- (1) Hours of authorized visitation periods will be posted in the lobby of each residence hall.
- (2) All guests of floor members participating in open houses/visitation periods must be escorted by an eligible host (a member of the participating floor) at all times in non-public (living) areas (i.e., rooms, floor corridors, floor study lounges, elevators and stairwells, etc. Resident Assistants are able to define these specifically for the hall). Guests of the opposite sex must stay on floors participating in open houses/visitation periods.
- (3) Guests of the opposite sex must use the restroom provided in the hall main lobby area.
- (4) Any resident who violates the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and be asked to:
 - (a) Leave, if he or she is not a member of the floor.
 - (b) Escort his or her guest out and not participate in the remainder of the open house/visitation period if he or she is a resident of the floor.

(Rule 1720-4-4-.03, continued)

1. In the event of a floor violation, the Hall Director or Assistant Hall Director on duty may terminate the open house/visitation period at his/her discretion.
2. Hosts and their guests are responsible for the particulars of this policy and will be personally charged when violations occur. Hosts are responsible for the conduct of their guests and may be personally charged for a guests's violations.

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1720-4-4-.04 RESIDENCE HALL REGULATIONS.

- (1) Soliciting: For the residents' protection against fraudulent sales and annoyance, soliciting is not permitted in the halls. Permission for any soliciting must be obtained through the Dean of Students.
- (2) Windows and Screens: Window screens may not be unfastened or removed.
- (3) Business from Resident's Rooms: Residents are not permitted to carry on any organized business for remunerative purposes from their apartments or rooms; inscribe or affix any sign, object, advertisement, or notice on any part of the inside or outside of the building or premises; or use their room phone numbers for business purposes.
- (4) Pets: Pets are not permitted in the halls or on the premises. The only exceptions to this policy are fish, guide dogs accompanying sight-impaired persons or guide dogs in training.
- (5) Attachments: Residents should not modify the room without prior, written approval of the Hall Director.
- (6) Furniture and Fixtures: All University property is inventoried according to location and is not to be moved or dismantled except with written permission of the Hall Director.
- (7) Water furniture: Water furniture, including beds and chairs, are not permitted in residents' rooms.
- (8) Keys: Residence hall keys are the sole property of The University of Tennessee and may not be duplicated under any circumstances.
- (9) Unauthorized Moving: Unauthorized room and hall changes are prohibited.

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1720-4-4-.05 RESIDENCE HALL SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- (1) Flammable Items: Items which are flammable, such as fuel, etc., may not be stored in residents' rooms.
- (2) Open Flames: Items which require an open flame to operate or which produce heat are not allowed in residents' rooms.

(Rule 1720-4-4-.05, continued)

- (3) Decorations: Decorative items which are flammable are not permitted in residents' rooms, unless they have been fireproofed. Only Underwriters' Laboratory (UL) approved lights may be used to decorate a room.
- (4) Cooking: Hall kitchens and other facilities are provided for residents to use for cooking. Cooking meals is not permitted in student rooms except in the apartment style residence halls. Snack preparation is limited to the use of approved cooking appliances.
- (5) Cooking Appliances: Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) approved, closed coil or hot air popcorn poppers, sealed unit coffee makers, and thermostatically controlled hot pots may be kept in student rooms. A student may use a microwave in the Apartment Residence Hall provided the microwave is UL approved and does not exceed 600 watts and provided that student must have prior roommate approval; only one microwave is permitted per room. Other appliances, including slow cookers, electric frying pans, and open-coil appliances (including, but not limited to, toasters, toaster ovens, and hot plates) are prohibited except in the apartment style residence halls where kitchens are equipped with fire extinguishers.
- (6) Fire Safety: Fire evacuation plans are posted in each resident's room. Tampering with, vandalizing, or misuse of fire safety equipment is prohibited and constitutes reason for eviction from the residence hall and possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Fire safety equipment includes, but is not limited to, alarms, extinguishers, smoke detectors, door closures, alarmed doors, and sprinklers. A Safety Exit Drill will be conducted regularly in each residence hall in accordance with state law.

Failure to evacuate a building during such a Safety Exit Drill will be grounds for disciplinary action.

- (7) Elevators: Tampering with, vandalism to, or other misuse of elevator equipment in the University residence halls is prohibited. Such action will constitute reason for disciplinary action, including eviction from the residence hall.
- (8) Extension Cords and Multiple Plugs: An extension cord must be UL approved, 16 gauge, a polarized plug and a single outlet; it may not be placed under floor covering or furnishings and may not be secured by penetrating the insulation. Multiple outlets are prohibited; however, one UL approved 15 amp multiple outlet strip with a circuit breaker may be used in each room.
- (9) Refrigerators: Refrigerators are prohibited in the residence halls except those provided by the Department of University Housing.

Authority: T.C.A. §49-9-209(e). **Administrative History:** New rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. (For history prior to August 12, 1986 see pages (iii)-(i).) Amendment filed March 22, 1990; effective June 26, 1990. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed October 30, 2007; effective February 28, 2008.

1720-4-4-.06 TERMINATION OF HOUSING CONTRACT.

- (1) The University may cancel a student's housing contract if the student fails to meet the full terms and conditions of his/her contract, or for violation of University or Residence Hall regulations.
- (2) Hearings and/or appeals of disciplinary action are available through established University administrative and judicial procedures.

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